



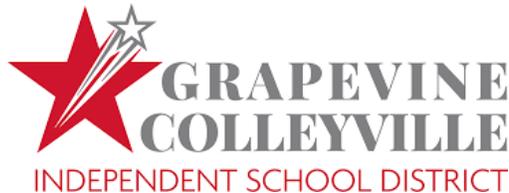
**MAKING CONNECTIONS NORTH TARRANT**  
**DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES**

**Welcome!**  
**2026 Making Connections**  
**North Tarrant**  
**Disability Resource Fair**

*Schedule:*

- 8:00 AM ..... Exhibitor Hall check-in/set up**
- 8:30 AM – 1 PM ..... Exhibitor/Presenter Hospitality Room Open**  
**Student/Volunteer Hub Open**
- 9:00 AM – 1 PM ..... Exhibitor Hall open**
- 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM ... Sensory Room open (*An adult must remain present*)**
- 9:30 – 1:20 PM..... Breakout Sessions**
- 1:00 PM..... Exhibitor Hall Closes**

*The IDD Council is proud to partner with the following ISD’s to bring you the Annual “MAKING CONNECTIONS” NORTH TARRANT DISABILITY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES FAIR*



The IDD Council’s Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs bring together the disability resources in our community to one easily accessed location for families and caregivers to collect information and learn about benefits and services each provide. Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs are held each year in various locations throughout Tarrant County.



The Intellectual  
and Developmental  
Disabilities Council  
of Tarrant County

[www.IDDCouncil.org](http://www.IDDCouncil.org)

- Approximately 200,000 individuals in Tarrant County have IDD.
- Seven children are born with disabilities in Tarrant County every day.
- A child with intellectual disabilities is born in Tarrant County every 12 hours.
- A child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is born in Tarrant County every day.

## About IDD Council of Tarrant County

The IDD Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a more inclusive region where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) can truly thrive. Together with families and partner agencies, we host monthly meetings, webinars, educational workshops, community resource fairs, and speak at local events to raise awareness and advocate for change. Visit [www.IDDCouncil.org](http://www.IDDCouncil.org) to explore upcoming events, discover ways to get involved, and learn how you can help champion inclusion and understanding for people with IDD.



## About IDD

IDD is used to describe any life-long disability attributable to mental and/or physical impairments that are diagnosed before the age of 18 (intellectual disabilities) or age 22 (developmental disabilities). IDD affects daily functioning in two or more of the following areas: capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency, learning, mobility, receptive and expressive language, self-care and self-direction. IDD includes such diagnoses as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome. Individuals can have symptoms that range from mild to severe.

## Stay Connected

- **Web:** [www.IDDCouncil.org](http://www.IDDCouncil.org)
- **Facebook:** [www.Facebook.com/IDDCouncil](http://www.Facebook.com/IDDCouncil)
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**IDD Council Premier Partners:**



# BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Session 1</b> <b>9:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Sessions 2</b> <b>10:25-10:55</b>	<b>Sessions 3</b> <b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Sessions 4</b> <b>12:10 – 12:40</b>	<b>Sessions 5</b> <b>12:50 – 1:20</b>
Guardianship: Rush to the Courthouse or Last Resort?	Medicaid Waivers / Interest Lists	Saving for your Loved Ones Future	Medicaid Waivers / Interest Lists	Saving for your Loved Ones Future
	College Panel	College Panel	Summer Camps	
	Summer Camps			

## **Guardianship: Rush to the Courthouse or Last Resort?**

**Auditorium**

An overview of the laws applicable to guardianship in Texas, the evidence and standard of proof needed to obtain guardianship and the many alternatives to guardianship. *By Tarrant County Probate 2 Court.*

## **Medicaid Waiver Programs & Interest Lists / Accessing Services through Your Local LIDDA** **ROOM #105**

As the State's Local IDD Authority (LIDDA), My Health My Resources (MHMR) is the first point of contact for families looking for services. Learn about Texas' interest lists, options and benefits, and the criteria for services. Designed to help families, caregivers, and professionals understand how Texas waiver program interest lists work, and why getting on them early matters, this discussion breaks down the different waiver options, what services they provide, how the interest list process operates, and strategies for staying informed while you wait. Attendees will gain clarity, confidence, and take actionable steps to ensure their loved one is positioned for the support they may need in the future. It's an essential conversation for anyone planning ahead and navigating long-term services and supports. *By Stephanie Morris, My Health My Resources of Tarrant County*

## **College Options and Disability Services in Higher Education Panel Presentation** **ROOM #106**

This session will offer families, students, and professionals a chance to explore the many pathways available after high school and the supports that make success possible. Participants will gain a clear understanding of admissions considerations, campus disability offices, academic accommodations, and the wide range of programs designed to help students with disabilities thrive. This informative and encouraging session empowers attendees with practical tools, insider tips, and resources to make confident, well-informed decisions about the future.

## **Bring the Fun! Summer Camps!**

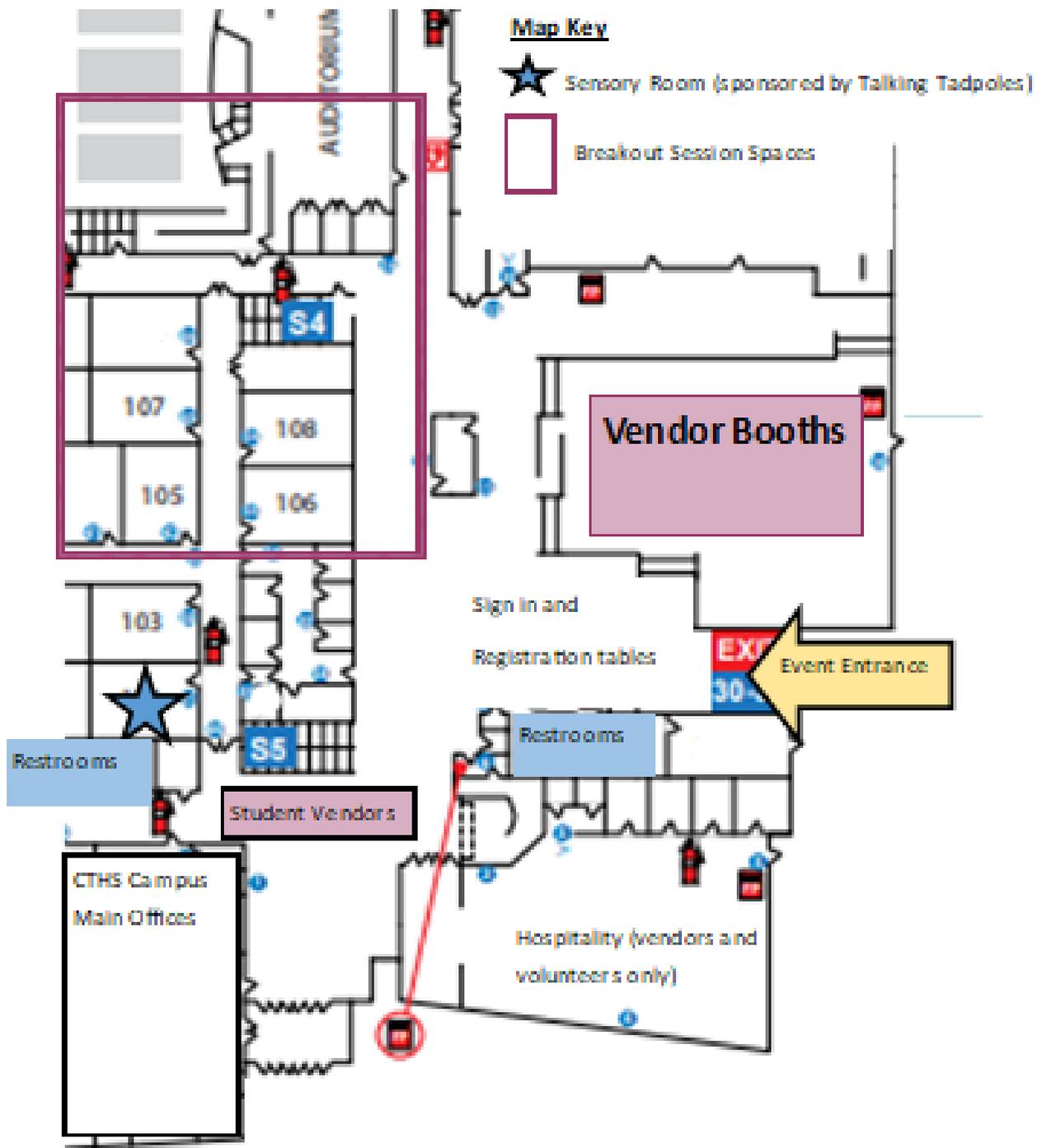
**ROOM #107**

Discover the wide range of enriching, inclusive camp experiences available in our community. We will highlight day and overnight options, specialized supports, adaptive activities, and the unique benefits camps offer to help build independence and improve social skills.

## **Saving for Your Loved Ones Future: Special Needs Trusts, Wills, and ABLE Accounts**

**ROOM #108**

Designed to give families and caregivers the clarity and confidence they need to prepare for the future. This presentation breaks down essential planning tools like special needs trusts, will considerations, and ABLE accounts, in a way that's easy to understand and immediately useful. Attendees will learn how each option supports long-term financial security, protects benefits, and empowers individuals with disabilities to thrive. *By TJ Kroehle, Texas Life Planning*



# ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

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Cheriece Overstreet

Cheriece Overstreet is a Licensed Master Social Worker, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Tarleton State University. She has 13 years of experience in the field, including working in mental health with MHMR and school social work with Fort Worth ISD. She is also currently pursuing an advanced licensure in Clinical Social Work. Cheriece currently serves as an Assistant Court Investigator for Tarrant County Probate Court No. 2 under the Honorable Judge S. Brook Bell, where she supports the court by assessing the need for guardianship and advocating for vulnerable individuals. Beyond her professional work, Cheriece is a proud mother of two adult children and has been married for 27 years. She enjoys being in nature, traveling and is grateful for the opportunity to speak today.



Jordyn Casto-Fisk

Jordyn Casto-Fisk is a Licensed Master Social Worker. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, with a minor in substance use counseling, and her master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. Jordyn brings nine years of experience working with diverse populations, ranging from children in foster care to older adults in nursing home settings. In her role with Probate Court No. 2, Jordyn serves as an Assistant Court Investigator and the Court Visitor Program Manager under the Honorable Judge S. Brook Bell. She oversees all active guardianship cases for the court and supervises social work interns who conduct annual court visits. Outside of her professional life, Jordyn enjoys spending time with her family and is recently married. She can often be found at a hockey rink cheering on her husband and cousins. She also loves expressing her creativity and making meaningful memories with her loved ones.



TJ Kroehle

Thomas P. Kroehle, Jr., TJ as he is known, is an independent life planner, who works with families with special needs. He understands the importance of developing a strategic, long-term life plan that takes into consideration their very unique circumstances. Working with Families of Special Needs since he was age 16, is philosophy centers on the cornerstone of the strength of the family unit. TJ and his wife, Tracey are parents of Lauren, a person of special needs. TJ helps clients understand their need to develop the appropriate wills and trusts. He helps them see the need for a "Letter of Intent" which defines their special needs person's hopes, dreams and desires through a lifetime strategy. Knowledgeable in government programs that aid special needs families, he coaches families in how to obtain government aid, such as SSI. More importantly he helps the family understand how to maintain those government programs throughout their loved one's lifetime. Life Planning for Families of Special Needs was created by TJ to specialize in assisting individuals with disabilities and their families. TJ frequently speaks to state and local groups such as ARC, Life Path, Down Syndrome Guilds, Autism Societies, Region X and XI, various ISD's and other similar organizations. Whether it is insurance and estate planning, a secure retirement, or leaving a legacy, every person, family and situation is unique and require customized and highly personalized solutions.



Stephanie Morris

Stephanie Morris is the Parent & Family Advocate for Disability Services, at My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMRTC), where she's been employed for over twenty years. As a parent of a young man with special needs, she can relate and listen to your concerns. Stephanie supports families by helping them make decisions and choices regarding services and negotiates families concerns with service providers when requested. She helps educate families to have a clear understanding of their rights and how services should be provided.

# EXHIBITOR DIRECTORY

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We are a special education advocacy service that helps redefine and facilitate how families collaborate with their child's school decision-making teams, how they advocate for their child's unique needs in the process, and how they remain informed as the primary experts in their child's life. We provide parent and adult student coaching and consultation, we assist with local and state complaints, we assist with drafting formal communications to schools, we assist with and accompany you to ARD OR 504 meetings, help draft IEP goals and more. We are your companion in the special education journey. [www.3in1advocacy.org](http://www.3in1advocacy.org)

## **★ ABA ENHANCEMENT(ABAE)**

**817-730-6203**

ABAE is a community resource specializing in effective, research-based applied behavioral analysis strategies designed to enhance self-advocacy, independence, and the overall quality of life for our clients — children and their families — who are neurodiverse, have been touched with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or other behavioral and mental health challenges. [www.ABAEnhancement.com](http://www.ABAEnhancement.com)

## **ADAPT-ABLE FOUNDATION**

**817-798-1837**

Adapt-Able Foundation empowers youth with disabilities through YES Camp, Try SCUBA, and adaptive dive trips. Participants gain confidence and skills with trained instructors, nationwide, with programs in Texas and dive experiences across the U.S. and Caribbean. <https://adapt-ablefoundation.org/>

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Brighter Futures Educational Therapy provides tailored educational therapy services that nurture the unique potential of each child, regardless of age, level, or ability. Through personalized approaches and innovative techniques, we aim to unlock their academic, social, and cognitive growth, fostering confidence and independence for a brighter future. [www.brighterfuturesedtherapy.com](http://www.brighterfuturesedtherapy.com)

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ResCare is a provider of IDD Residential Services along with medical, therapy, day activity, and community inclusion support and service. ResCare has been serving the IDD population for 50+ years. [www.Rescarecommunityliving.com](http://www.Rescarecommunityliving.com)

## **CAMP FIRE FIRST TEXAS / CAMP EL TESORO**

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Camp Fire First Texas is a nonprofit youth development organization offering early childhood education, afterschool programs, outdoor education, day and overnight camps, teen leadership, family camping, retreats, and facility rentals. Programs serve infants through young adults and focus on outdoor learning, confidence, and essential life skills. Camp Fire First Texas serves North Texas. [www.CampFireFW.org](http://www.CampFireFW.org)

## **CAMP SUMMIT**

**940-433-3338**

Camp Summit is a one-of-a-kind camp for individuals with disabilities where the emphasis is on each campers' abilities rather than their disabilities. Traditional camp activities are adapted to each individual, provided in our barrier-free facilities, and implemented by trained, caring staff. We serve campers from all over North Texas and even other states! <https://www.campsummittx.org/>

★ **CAREGIVER, INC.**

**800-299-5161**

Caregiver is a Medicaid waiver provider serving HCS and ICF services. We have group homes, in-home support, and day programs all over Texas. We cover Tarrant County and surrounding areas. <https://cg-idd.com/>

★ **CHAMPION SERVICES**

**817-310-6630**

Champion Services is a Home and Community-based Service Provider in DFW and surrounding counties. Champion Services delivers the full array of HCS services including group homes, host home/companion care homes and day programming for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Our vision is to help people achieve a meaningful life by hearing "the voice not often heard." [www.championservices.org](http://www.championservices.org)

**CHARIS HILLS CAMP**

**940-964-2145**

Charis Hills is a Christian special needs, therapeutic recreational summer camp helping children with learning differences build confidence and find success. We serve campers ages 7-18, with ADHD, Learning Disabilities, and high functioning Autism. Camp is a great place to teach social skills. We offer 7, week-long, summer sessions. <https://charishills.org/>

**COOK CHILDREN'S HEALTH PLAN**

**800-964-2247**

Cook Children's Health Plan has been serving the Tarrant Service Area includes Members across Wise, Denton, Parker, Tarrant, Hood and Johnson counties. We ensure Members receive the physical and behavioral health, pharmacy and social support services you need, when and where you need them. We are affiliated with Cook Children's Health Care System. Help families apply for Medicaid benefits. <https://www.cookchp.org/>

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Dudley Advocacy & Consulting aims to empower parents through collaboration as they advocate for their child's education. We educate parents on the special education process, review evaluations and IEP progress, and evaluate goals and accommodations to make recommendations for moving forward. We will also attend ARD and 504 meetings. Dudley Advocacy & Consulting serves families throughout Texas. [www.DudleyAdvocacyandConsulting.com](http://www.DudleyAdvocacyandConsulting.com)

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The Elevated IEP Collab is a membership-based learning community that helps families, educators, and advocates navigate special education and IEPs through clear, practical training led by experienced advocates and former educators. [www.elevatediepcollab.com](http://www.elevatediepcollab.com)

**ENGAGE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS**

Engage Employment Solutions is a Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-Employment Transition Services provider for TWS. Founded by Special Educators and Transition Specialists, we are dedicated to providing exemplary education, vocational training, and employment services focusing on individual needs of transition age students. We also offer unique camp experiences that bridge learning and fun! <https://www.engageemploymentsolutions.com/>

**GOODWILL NCT**

**817-332-7866**

As a not-for-profit leader, Goodwill offers job training and other services to help people with disabilities and disadvantages achieve their maximum independence. Through Goodwill, job seekers, individuals with special needs, families, and other members of our community gain self-esteem and become independent, self-sufficient citizens. <https://goodwillnorthcentraltexas.org/>

**GREEN OAKS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

**817-861-5000**

Green Oaks Education and Support, Inc. is a unique Christian school and adult day program for individuals with Down syndrome and similar intellectual disabilities in the North Texas area. <https://www.greenoakseducation.org/>

**JPS HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN'S**

Information on JPS services, Healthy Texas Women's Health, Family Planning and BCCP, Title V and Breast, and Cervical Cancer. [jpshealth.com](http://jpshealth.com)

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Life Planning for Families of Special Needs is a specialized consultation firm dedicated exclusively to supporting families who have a loved one with special needs. Our mission is to help families navigate the complex and often overwhelming decisions that come with lifelong planning for a disabled individual. <https://www.txlifeplanning.com/>

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Literacy United provides sliding scale and grant funding reading therapy sessions to children and adults with IDD. We believe all individuals can read and should be afforded that opportunity! [www.literacyUnited.org](http://www.literacyUnited.org)

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Metro Driving School in Hurst, TX, is a family-owned, state-approved school providing comprehensive driver education for teens and adults. We offer classroom instruction, behind-the-wheel training, DPS-authorized road tests, and driving simulators. [www.metro-driving.com](http://www.metro-driving.com)

**MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY**

**817-335-3022**

My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR) provides community-based services for youth and adults with mental health conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and substance use disorders, as well as babies and young children with developmental delays. MHMR uses a person-centered care approach and partners with community organizations to provide services. [www.MHMRtarrant.org](http://www.MHMRtarrant.org)

**MOLINA HEALTHCARE**

Molina Healthcare is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families by providing effective, reliable, and affordable health care services to those who need it most. With a strong focus on serving low-income families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, Molina partners with state governments to deliver Medicaid, Medicare, and Marketplace health plans tailored to the unique needs of the communities it serves. [www.molinahealthcare.com](http://www.molinahealthcare.com)

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Monkey Mouths is a trusted pediatric provider of speech therapy, occupational therapy, and feeding therapy for children and families across the Dallas–Fort Worth area. With more than 19 years of service, we have grown from a small practice into 10 locations while staying rooted in personalized care and meaningful relationships. Our mission is to deliver exceptional, results-oriented therapy tailored to each child’s unique needs, supported by compassionate, master’s-level clinicians who average over 10 years of experience and partner closely with families every step of the way. [www.monkeymouths.com](http://www.monkeymouths.com)

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Job Corps is a residential, non- traditional education and training program for youth, ages 16 - 24, who are looking to earn an industry recognized trade certification. Students also have the opportunity to earn their HSD/HSE. [www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)

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Free telecommunication devices provided by the Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP), if you have a qualifying disability such as hearing loss, vision loss, upper mobility impairment or speech impairment. Medical documentation is required. [www.seniorassisttexas.com](http://www.seniorassisttexas.com)

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We provide in home speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy to children from the ages of birth to 21 year of age in and around the Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio areas. [shbhtherapy.com](http://shbhtherapy.com)

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At Stonewater Special Care, we are a team of specialized planners dedicated to helping families build a clear, coordinated, and lasting life plan for a loved one with a disability. We bring together all the critical pieces—government benefits, legal planning, insurance, investments, tax strategy, housing, daily support needs, and long-term caregiving—and integrate them into one organized roadmap. [www.stonewaterplanning.com](http://www.stonewaterplanning.com)

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STRIDES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities in their pursuit of postsecondary education. Through scholarships and awareness, we hope to open doors to educational opportunities that have been previously unattainable. We currently support the Aggie ACHIEVE and PATHS programs at Texas A&M University, but hope to expand to other universities. [www.letsmakestrides.com](http://www.letsmakestrides.com)

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Tarrant County College's Student Accessibility Resources (SAR) office is committed to ensuring equal access by identifying needed accommodations that support their participation in college courses and activities. We partner with students, faculty, and staff to reduce barriers, provide appropriate academic accommodations, and promote an accessible campus environment across all TCC campuses. <https://www.tccd.edu/services/support-services/student-accessibility-resources/>

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**737-266-1326**

Providing career exploration and planning resources for students, parents, and teachers. [twc.texas.gov](http://twc.texas.gov)

## **THE ARC OF DFW AREA**

**682-224-3382**

The Arc of DFW Area is a non-profit organization founded and led by parents since 1971. We exist to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families to live life as they define it through advocacy, awareness, training, and support. [www.thearcofdfw.org](http://www.thearcofdfw.org)

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The missions of The Greater Fort Worth Area Council of the Blind are to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity and to improve the quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people. Some of our goals are to be an advocacy and support group for those experiencing vision loss, encourage legislators to adopt programs supporting rehabilitation and education, and increase awareness of the needs and abilities of those in the blind/low vision community.

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The Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Council of Tarrant County (IDD Council) is a dynamic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering an inclusive community where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) can thrive. We unite service providers, self-advocates, families, and community stakeholders to build a more efficient, accessible, and responsive system of support across Tarrant County. Through a wide range of initiatives, including educational workshops, family-friendly events, and our signature Making Connections Disability Resources Fairs, we create meaningful opportunities for engagement, learning, and advocacy. Whether you're looking to volunteer, become a member, sponsor an event, or simply learn more, we invite you to explore how you can make a difference. Visit [www.IDDCouncil.org/partners](http://www.IDDCouncil.org/partners) for details on upcoming activities, events, resources, and opportunities to get involved.

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**Urban Village Family Services**

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817-264-1647



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**Caregiver, Inc.**

<https://cg-idd.com/>

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# UPCOMING IDD COUNCIL EVENTS



## SUMMER FUN! 2026 CAMPS AND DAY PROGRAMS

FEB 24, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM  
MICROSOFT TEAMS WEBINAR

Participating in a summer camp or day program is a fantastic opportunity for both youth and adults. Whether you're seeking educational enrichment, career planning, or simply some summer fun, there's a camp tailored just for your loved one with IDD! Join our webinar to discover various programs designed to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, medical conditions, and other disabilities.

Register today! [www.IDDCouncil.org](http://www.IDDCouncil.org)



## 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

### IDD COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING & NETWORKING

9:00-10:30 AM

3136 WEST 4TH STREET, FORT WORTH, TX 76107

Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to connect, collaborate, and contribute to the advancement of IDD awareness and support. Meetings are open to all and offer a welcoming space for networking and community-building. Upcoming topics:  
March 5: Prepared for the Unexpected: Fire, Tornado, and Everyday Safety Awareness  
April 2: Dyslexia & Specific Learning Disabilities in people with IDD



## SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

777 N. Walnut Creek Drive • Mansfield, TX 76063

Visit with organizations that provide services for the community!  
Schedule and Breakout Session Details:  
<https://www.iddcouncil.org/makingconnectionsfmcm>

#### Resources for:

- Medicaid Waivers/Social Security
- Guardianship/Supported Decision-Making
- Behavioral Health
- Transition & Employment Services
- College Programs
- Assistive & Adaptive Technology
- Homelessness
- Special Needs Trusts / Wills
- Assisted Living / Housing
- Financial Planning
- Recreation & Leisure
- Therapy & Camp Providers
- Respite/Day Habilitation
- and more!



Breakout Sessions



Resources & Exhibitors



Kid's Workshop

The IDD Council's Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs bring together the disability resources in our community to one, easily accessed location for families and caregivers to collect information and learn about benefits and services each provide. Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs are held throughout the year in various Tarrant County locations.

## Egg My House!

Fundraiser supporting The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Council of Tarrant County

**New this year: Daytime Basket Deliveries!**  
Let us help you spread Easter joy! We'll bring Easter cheer by "egging" your yard, surprising neighbors and friends, or delivering baskets to places of business, with candy and toy-filled eggs on the day of your choice: Thursday, Friday, or Saturday before Easter.

**ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 30**  
(EASTER IS THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY)

Delivery is limited to Tarrant, Johnson, Denton and Parker Counties.  
Contact [Rita@IDDCouncil.org](mailto:Rita@IDDCouncil.org) for special considerations.



PLACE ORDERS AT:

[www.iddcouncil.org/eggs](http://www.iddcouncil.org/eggs)

Sponsored by:



#### PRICES:

25 EGGS FOR \$35

50 EGGS FOR \$55

100 EGGS FOR \$80 \*

Each Additional Dozen: \$5

Eggs can be hidden for an additional fee

There are more than 200,000 people in Tarrant County who have an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD). IDD includes many severe, chronic conditions that cause mental and/or physical impairments. Because of the many factors that lead to the development of IDD, any family is only an accident, a birth or a trauma away from an IDD diagnosis. Visit [www.IDDCouncil.org](http://www.IDDCouncil.org) to learn more.

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